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June 23, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**10TH STREET OFF RAMP BRIDGE OVER LONG BEACH FREEWAY AND
HARBOR SCENIC DRIVE
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Recognize the novation of W. Koo & Associates, Inc. to W. Koo & Associates, a Division of PBS&J.
2. Award a Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Contract PW 71236 with W. Koo & Associates, a Division of PBS&J, for a not to exceed fee of \$110,000 to provide additional engineering services for the 10th Street Off Ramp Bridge over Long Beach Freeway and Harbor Scenic Drive project to be financed with Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Funds.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the supplemental agreement with the recommended consultant and to establish the effective date to prepare the final plans, specifications, and estimates for this project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award this Supplemental Agreement No. 2 and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a contract with the recommended consultant to complete the construction documents for the proposed 10th Street Off Ramp Bridge over Long Beach Freeway and Harbor Scenic Drive project located in the City of Long Beach and to establish the effective date of the contract.

On February 3, 1998, your Board approved an Agreement with then W. Koo & Associates, Inc., for \$287,000 to prepare the design plans for the seismic retrofit of the 10th Street Off Ramp Bridge over Long Beach Freeway and Harbor Scenic Drive.

On December 18, 2001, your Board approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with W. Koo & Associates, Inc., for \$67,000 to modify the retrofit plans to provide adequate truck access for the oil company that leases the property under the bridge from the County.

The consultant completed the seismic retrofit design in June 2003 as stipulated in the original Agreement and Supplemental Agreement No. 1.

On July 1, 2004, W. Koo and Associates, Inc., was acquired by Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan (PBS&J), an employee-owned company. Through this merger, W. Koo and Associates, Inc., became a division of PBS&J, a company with over 60 offices and 3,300 employees nationally.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is in the process of acquiring the 10th Street Off Ramp Bridge in the City of Long Beach. Caltrans has therefore required the County to reanalyze and modify the retrofit design of the bridge to comply with the 2004 Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria.

The scope of work proposed by the consultant and as approved by Caltrans does not include any redesign of the bridge foundation. The consultant's reanalysis may identify the need for additional foundation retrofit. Caltrans will then make a determination if foundation retrofit is needed in order for them to acquire the bridge. If required, we will return to your Board for approval of additional consultant design fee.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it will complete the design of the seismic retrofit of the 10th Street Off Ramp Bridge over Long Beach Freeway and Harbor Scenic Drive to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Financing for this Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is available in the 2005-06 Road Fund Budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. We will be seeking reimbursement for this additional consultant cost through Caltrans.

The recommended Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is for an aggregate not to exceed fee of \$110,000 including \$23,064 for unforeseen additional work which may arise during progress of the work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Acting Director of Public Works. This supplemental agreement will increase the not to exceed design contract amount from \$354,000 to \$464,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The Agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, W. Koo & Associates, a Division of PBS&J, is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence program participants for future employment.

W. Koo & Associates, a Division of PBS&J, is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for Consultant Services Agreements for design services.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

On January 17, 1995 (Synopsis 21), your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into individual contracts, up to \$250,000 each, to provide seismic analysis and retrofit design to upgrade bridges in the County of Los Angeles.

On February 3, 1998, your Board approved the original contract in the amount of \$287,000 with then W. Koo & Associates, Inc., to provide seismic retrofit design for the subject bridge.

On December 18, 2001, your Board approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 in the amount of \$67,000 that increased the design contract to \$354,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
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